

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A clothing article ~~comprising an clothing article for use with persons having that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, further comprising:~~

~~said clothing article being made with a previously selected hernia compression area in a front half for exerting compression on an area of a hernia on an abdomen of a user and being disposed around a lower body part of the user and made with a predefined size and shape, further comprising~~

~~a knitted seamless tubular item configured with an anatomic fit for extending about an abdominal area:~~

~~a hernia compression area disposed at a front portion of the knitted seamless tubular item so as to correspond anatomically to a hernia location;~~

~~the hernia compression area comprising 15-60% elastic yarns having a thickness of 100-300 dlex in combination with a compact knitted structure and a firm tight stitch pattern, the hernia compression area having a compression of 15-50 mmHg;~~

~~wherein areas of the knitted seamless tubular item other than the hernia compression area comprise 0-15% elastic yarns, and~~

~~wherein the clothing article is fixed and pre-stressed such that compression of the hernia compression area is substantially constant over a large range of elongation~~

~~establishing a firm yet elastic structure of fabric producing compression of between 15 to 50 mmHg within the previously selected hernia compression area of the clothing article forming an abdominal front portion which is located on the front half of the tubular item of the clothing article and providing an approximately constant compression within a range of users' sizes and shapes, wherein the fabric comprises elastic yarns made of elastic fibers, wherein the fibers comprise between 15 and 60% of the fabric composition on the areas of the clothing article exerting compression on the~~

~~user's body and 0-15% elastic yarns in a groin area, the previously selected hernia compression area being formed with elastic yarns having a thickness of 100-300 dtex, with a higher percentage of elastic yarns with a compact knitted structure and a firm tight stitch pattern and with a weight between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.~~

2. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the material in the clothing article is extended and heat fixed on a form ~~or for selective fixation of the item~~ with a predefined size and shape while the item is on the form.

3. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein a lower part of the tubular item is sewn together, forming a panty brief with a lower body part area, groin area and leg openings.

4. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 2, wherein a lower part of the tubular item is sewn together in the groin area ~~for forming a panty brief with lower body part area, groin area and leg openings is performed before the~~ clothing article panty brief ~~is extended and heat fixed on a form.~~

5. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 3, further comprising an aperture in the groin area in the panty brief so that the user can urinate without taking off the panty brief.

6. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the clothing article is made by circular knitting on a body size machine or a rectilinear knitting machine with two needle bars.

7. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the elastic yarns are extended ~~and~~ fixed ~~fixation of the elastic yarns and elastic fibers is made with~~ varying intensity across the clothing article, thereby establishing varied extension or

elasticity and firmness ~~across~~in the clothing article, and thereby also providing varied compression ~~across~~ when the clothing article is placed on a user.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the hernia compression area has a weight per square meter ranging from 250-450 g/m<sup>2</sup>  
~~comprising an article of clothing formed with a predefined size and shape for persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, comprising a seamless, knitted, tubular item positionable around the lower body part of the user, and comprising a firm yet elastic structure of fabric with compression property between 15 and 50 mmHg defining a pre-selected compression area of the clothing article formed an abdominal front portion of the tubular item, which is located on only a front half of the clothing article for providing an anatomical fit and an approximately constant compression of a user's abdomen within a range of the users' sizes and shapes, wherein the tubular item comprises elastic yarns made of elastic fibers, and wherein the elastic yarns with the elastic fibers comprise between 15 and 60% of the abdominal front portion of the tubular item, the previously selected hernia compression area being formed with elastic yarns having a thickness of 100-350 dtex, with a higher percentage of elastic yarns with a compact knitted structure and a firm tight stitch pattern.~~

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 10, wherein compression of

~~the hernia compression area in a circumferential direction is substantially constant over a large range of elongation~~  
~~the fabric has a force/elongation curve including a largely flat curve pattern.~~

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the elastic yarns in the hernia compression area have, ~~in the areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a~~ thickness of 150 to 250 decitex.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim ~~94~~, wherein the hernia compression area clothing article, ~~in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body,~~ has a weight per square meter of between 300 and 400 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the hernia compression area comprises 30-50% elastic yarns.

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